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- 2) US 6,117,889, September 12, 2000, Shen et al:
- 3) DE 101 07 659 A1 published September 5, 2002:
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- US Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0081699 A1 published April 29, 2004:
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